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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b), the attorneys for the Applicants hereby bring to the  
attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the following documents related to the field  
of the invention of the application identified above:

I. U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>PATENT NO.</u>	<u>DATE ISSUED</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
4,028,173 to Olson	June 7, 1977	Methods of Making Combined Titanium Dioxide and Calcium Carbonate and Opaque Paper Containing the Resulting Combination
4,714,603 to Vanderheiden	December 22, 1987	Spherically Shaped Precipitated Calcium Carbonate, Its Preparation and Use
4,874,466 to Savino	October 17, 1989	Paper Making Filler Composition and Method

<b><u>PATENT NO.</u></b>	<b><u>DATE ISSUED</u></b>	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>
5,152,835 to Nemeh	October 6, 1992	Composite Titania-Calcined Kaolin Opacifying Pigments and Method for Making and Using Same
5,650,002 to Bolt	July 22, 1997	TiO <sub>2</sub> Light Scattering Efficiency when Incorporated in Coatings
5,861,209 to Haskins et al.	January 19, 1999	Aragonitic Precipitated Calcium Carbonate Pigment for Coating Rotogravure Printing Papers
5,886,069 to Bolt	March 23, 1999	Titanium Dioxide Particles Having Substantially Discrete Inorganic Particles Dispersed on Their Surfaces
6,143,064 to Virtanen	November 7, 2000	Pigment Particles Coated with Precipitated Calcium Carbonate and a Process for the Preparation Thereof
6,200,375 to Guez et al.	March 13, 2001	Titanium Dioxide, Preparation and Use

## **II. FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

<b><u>PATENT NO.</u></b>	<b><u>PUBLICATION DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>
EP 0861299 B1	02 Sept. 1998	TiO <sub>2</sub> -Pigment Coated with Small Inorganic Particles
WO 98/50472	12 Nov. 1998	Titanium Dioxide Particles with Adhering Discrete Inorganic Particles
EP 0892019 A1	20 January 1999	Pigment materials and their Preparation and Use
WO 00/32700	08 June 2000	High Opacity Koalin Hybrid Pigments
WO 00/78874	28 December 2000	Pigment Materials and Their Preparation and Use

The items listed above are identified on Form PTO 1449 which is submitted with this statement. A copy of each of the items identified above is submitted with this statement.

The attorneys for the Applicant take no position on whether or not any item cited above and listed on Form PTO 1449 constitutes prior art against the subject application under any particular provision of Title 35 of the United States Code.

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